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In re application of:

NOBORI et al.

Application No.: 09/780,114

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
MTASE (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time for response for two months, from August 21, 2003 to October 21, 2003, is included herewith. A Request for Continued Examination and a Declaration of Inventorship Exhibit A (unsigned) are also included herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.